

**§ 157.105 Issuance of certificate.**

A certificate requested under this subpart will be issued if:

- (a) The application for the certificate complies fully with §§ 157.102 and 157.103; and
- (b) The presumptions established under § 157.104 are not rebutted.

**§ 157.106 Protests to abandonment of new service.**

(a) *Notice by certificate holder under § 157.103(f).* Any authority pre-granted to a certificate holder to abandon any new service or qualifying facilities authorized by a certificate issued under this subpart upon the expiration of any contract for such new service, is conditional and subject to protest by any customer to which the new service is provided.

(b) *Protest procedure.* (1) If a new service customer received notice of a proposed abandonment from a certificate holder in accordance with § 157.103(f), the customer may, within 30 days prior to such expiration date, file a petition under § 385.207 of this chapter to protest the abandonment and request the Commission to direct the certificate holder to continue the new service in accordance with the expired contractual agreement.

(2) The Commission may require the certificate holder to continue to provide the new service described in the abandonment notice under § 157.103(f) where the Commission determines that:

- (i) Continuation of the new service is necessary because the customer is unable, after having made all reasonable efforts, to arrange for alternative service, and
- (ii) The customer will pay the rate on file for the new service.

**Subpart F—Interstate Pipeline Blanket Certificates and Authorization Under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act for Certain Transactions and Abandonment**

**§ 157.201 Applicability.**

(a) *Scope.* This subpart establishes a procedure whereby an interstate pipeline may obtain a blanket certificate

authorizing certain construction and operation of facilities, sales arrangements and certain certificate amendments and abandonment under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

(b) *Who may apply.* This procedure is only applicable to interstate pipelines.

(c) *Cross-reference.* The procedures applicable to transportation by interstate pipelines under blanket certificates are set forth in subpart G of part 284 of this chapter.

(d) *Availability of case-specific certificates.* Nothing in this subpart shall preclude an interstate pipeline from proceeding under any other provision of the Commission's regulations to obtain Commission approval of abandonments or a temporary or permanent certificate of public convenience and necessity.

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**§ 157.202 Definitions.**

(a) *General rule.* Terms defined in the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 (NGPA) shall have the same meaning for the purposes of this subpart as they have under the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978.

(b) *Subpart F definitions.* For purposes of this subpart:

(1) *Certificate holder* means any interstate pipeline with an effective blanket certificate issued pursuant to this subpart.

(2)(i) *Eligible facility* means, except as provided in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section, any facility subject to the Natural Gas Act jurisdiction of the Commission that is necessary to provide service within existing certificated volumes, or any gas supply facility. Eligible facility includes any facility needed by the certificate holder to receive gas from a supplier and interconnecting points between transporters that transport natural gas under § 284.221 of this chapter.

(ii) *Exclusions:* "Eligible facility" does not include:

- (A) A main line of a transmission system;
- (B) An extension of a main line;
- (C) A facility, including compression and looping, that alters the capacity of a main line;